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**ESI EXCELLENCE GLOBAL COMPONENTS:**

**ANNUAL REVIEW**

The ESI Excellence Global index selects the best rated companies among the largest companies worldwide on the basis of Forum ETHIBEL's ratings and in accordance with the Ethibel Sustainability Indices Rulebook.

On September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013, the ESI Committee carried out the annual review of the Index components.

**Preliminary**

At the review date, 102 companies were included in the ESI Excellence Global index. One component was deleted from the index since the last review.

Name	ISIN
H.J. HEINZ CO.	US4230741039

H.J. Heinz Co was deleted from the ESI Excellence Global index following its acquisition by Berkshire Hathaway and 3G Capital effective on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

**Withdrawals: 3 components**

At each annual review, the ESI Committee withdraws from the ESI Excellence Global index the shares of companies that are no longer listed in the Excellence Ethibel Register.

Deletions	ISIN
ROCHE HLDG P	CH0012032048
APPLIED MATERIALS INC.	US0382221051
UNICREDIT	IT0004781412

**Addition: No component**

At each annual review, the ESI Committee adds to the ESI Excellence Global index the shares of companies that are rated A or B by Forum ETHIBEL and with a free float market capitalisation superior to 10 billion Euros. On September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013, none of the constituents included in the Ethibel Excellence Register rated A or B by Forum Ethibel, had a free float market capitalisation superior to 10 000 000 000 EUR, thus no company will be added to ESI Excellence Global indices.

The changes to the ESI Excellence Global components list will be implemented after the closing hour on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2012, and become effective on the next trading day.

For the Ethibel Excellence Global Indices components: please go to [www.vigeo.com](http://www.vigeo.com)

The updated version of the ESI Rulebook (September 2012) can be found on Vigeo's website [www.vigeo.com](http://www.vigeo.com)

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Vigeo is the leading European expert in responsible performance. Founded in 2002 and headed by Nicole Notat, Vigeo measures the performances and risks of companies with regard to six areas of corporate social responsibility: environment, human rights, human resources, community involvement, business behaviour and corporate governance.

Vigeo offers two lines of services through two business brands:

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As an independent advisor and auditor on SRI in Europe, Forum ETHIBEL provides specific instruments and labels to support investors in their search for SRI products. Based on Vigeo data and ratings, Forum ETHIBEL draws up the Ethibel Investment Register as the basis of the label Ethibel EXCELLENCE and the indices ESI Excellence Europe and Global.

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